

REMARKS

Claims 9-11, 13, and 20-46 are pending in this application.

Claims 9 and 13 are amended for clarity. Claims 20-46 have been allowed. Claims 1-8 are withdrawn.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 9-11 and 13 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, because the specification “does not allegedly reasonably provide enablement for a metallic anchor... [because] a metallic anchor, which broadly interpreted, could read on simply using a planar metal layer as a glue layer.” This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Office Action statement that the metallic anchor member as claimed is not enabled. In fact, Figures 16-19 and the accompanying text in the specification clearly enable a metallic anchor member as claimed. However, to facilitate prosecution, claim 9 has been amended to recite: “...forming at least one extending metallic anchor member supported by a substrate...” and claim 13 has been amended to recite: “forming, with said layer, at least one extending metallic anchor member...” Applicants believe that claims 9 and 13 are patentable and are in condition for allowance.

Because claims 10, and 11 depend from claim 9, and contain additional limitations that are patentably distinguishable, these claims are also considered to be patentable.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 20-46 are allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at 612-373-6900 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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